



# The SPANNER

A Bi-Monthly Publication for the Friends and Firefighters of the Stayton Fire District

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

First I would like to say thank you to all of you that attended the banquet and to Rhonda and the Banquet Committee for all of their hard work to make it happen. It was great to finally be able to get together in person, socialize, and enjoy getting caught up. I would also like to **Thank You** all for your perseverance over the last couple of years. Hopefully we will never have to go through years without the banquet again.

Second I would like to say congratulations to all the District award winners for your outstanding efforts during 2021. The last couple of years have challenged all of us like we have not been challenged before. COVID and no socializing, the devastation the fires inflicted on our families, friends and communi-

ty, and the ice storm made our jobs much more difficult and challenging. These are all the more reason to take great pride in being recognized and honored by your peers for your service. As a volunteer, to have negotiated all these challenges with the District as well as dealing with it in your personal lives, is truly admirable. On behalf of the community, the Board and the Officers, Thank You for your commitment and dedication and Congratulations!

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate our length of service award recipients for their lasting commitment to the community and the Fire District. Volunteer careers that last 10, 15, and 20 years are amazing and exemplary. As citizens we should all strive to give that kind of service back to our communities. This year we had four 20 yr. - four 15 yr. - two 10 yr. - and three 5 yr. recipients = that's 175 years of selflessly giving back to the community!! That is the very definition of "Volunteer Service with Pride".

## Steps You Can Take to Protect Yourself Online

- **Implement multi-factor authentication on your accounts.** A password is not enough to keep you safe. Multi-factor authentication can make you 99% less likely to get hacked so enable this on your email, social media, online shopping, financial services account, and gaming and streaming entertainment services.
- **Update your software; turn on automatic updates.** This will repair flaws in the system. Update operating systems on mobile phones, tablets and laptops. Update applications on web browsers on all devices too.
- **Think before you Click.** More than 90% of successful cyber-attacks start with phishing email. A phishing scheme is when a link or webpage looks legitimate, but it's a trick designed to have you reveal your passwords, credit card numbers and other sensitive information. Once they have it, they can use it on legitimate sites. And they may try to get you to run malicious software (malware). So if it's a link you don't recognize, trust your instincts and think before you click.
- **Use Strong Passwords.** Ideally use a password manager to generate and store unique passwords.

**299 Calls for Service for January - March 2022**

## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH

Doug Hansen—38 yrs.  
Eric Peterson—16 yrs.  
Jeff Harris—16 yrs.  
Trent Tegen—10 yrs.

### APRIL

Eric Fery—35 yrs.  
Adam Bailey—18 yrs.  
Craig Griffith—16 yrs.

### MAY

Jay Alley—37 yrs.  
Taunie Alley—23 yrs.  
Mike Odenthal—22 yrs.

**Congratulations  
For 231 Years  
of Service!**



## Annual Awards Banquet

It was so nice to get together again to recognize our member's years of service and achievements. It was also nice, as always, to plan this event, hoping that each of you and your families know how important you are, how much you are appreciated and to thank you for your service.

### Length Service Awards:

- 5 Years: Dana Orr, Daniel Koellmann, Michael Beaumont
- 10 Years: Steve Orr, Doug Smith
- 15 Years: Jeff Harris Sr., Eric Peterson, Craig Griffith, Kevin Bakke
- 20 Years: Barbara Nelson, Kelly Oliver, Matt Riordan, Scott Vigil

### District Awards:

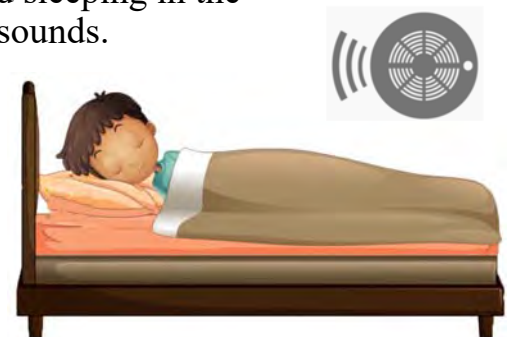
- Rookie of the Year: Matt Shine
- Volunteer Service With Pride Award: Tim Wilson
- Support Person of the Year: Dana Orr
- Officer of the Year: Trent Tegen
- Medic of the Year: Christopher Enquist
- Firefighter of the Year: Doug Smith

## Some Kids Can Sleep Through Anything

Studies have shown that children are often able to sleep through the sound of a smoke alarm, making it that much more important for families to plan and practice an escape plan at night.

### Consider the following when making a plan:

- Before going to bed, adults should know where everyone in the household is sleeping.
- Assign an adult to each child sleeping in the home in the event an alarm sounds.
- Sleeping with bedroom doors closed can create a barrier to smoke and fire spread, allowing for necessary and valuable time to wake all family members and help them escape.



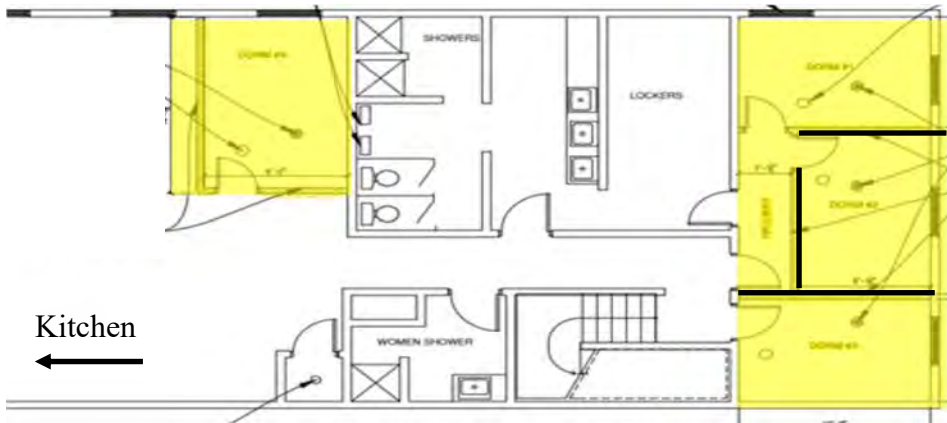
## Dorm Room Project ~ Facility Manager, Doug Kintz

The District has begun the process of remodeling the dorms in preparation for the new employees. We have contacted three contractors for estimates, have had engineered drawings done per county requirements and have ordered furniture to outfit each dorm room.

We are converting the current dorm room into three separate

rooms to provide for individual privacy. An additional fourth room will be added to the current day room as shown on the drawing (where pool table was located). We should have bids back by the end of March.

Building permits could take up to one month to get from Marion County. Estimate construction start date is late April to early May.



### Backyard Burning (Open Burning)

Is the burning of debris in an outdoor fireplace, burn barrel, backyard incinerator, or piles of yard debris. You can only burn during Open Burning Seasons during burn times established for the day.

#### Allowed Materials - What can I burn?

You can burn yard debris: wood, needles, or leaves from plants grown and burned on the property of origin.

#### Prohibited Materials - What I can't burn?

Tires, plastics, decomposable garbage (organic material, paper), petroleum and petroleum-treated materials, asphalt and asphalt materials, chemicals (pesticides, cleaners, detergents), or any material that produces black or dense smoke.

#### ALWAYS choose alternatives to open burning first.

#### Recycle, Compost, Chip, and reuse old lumber

Open Burning Seasons is regulated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Check it Out!** DEQ has launched a map-based tool to help people better understand outdoor burning restrictions in Oregon! The new tool and information about burning across the state can be found on DEQ's [Open and Outdoor Burning](#) web page.

Look for the "Can I Burn Mapping Tool", at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/eq/Pages/Burning.aspx>.

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

11—Lavon Maskell  
22—Rhonda Grant  
30—Maria Sammons

### APRIL

1—Ashley Griffith  
3—Kathi Kent  
12—Jay Alley  
17—Bradford Dees  
18—Gene Dershewitz  
21—Matt Shine  
26—Braedon Davidson

### MAY

3—Jay Myers  
9—Monica Stacey  
9—Tim Wilson  
12—Josh Starbuck  
13—Barbara Nelson  
13—Rachel Potter  
14—Kurt Hueller  
16—Allyson Wren  
21—Scott Orr

Happy  
Birthday!

We have several surplus office chairs available—no charge.

Contact the front office if you need help in obtaining one.

### Upcoming Events...

District Buildings Remains Closed  
to Public Meetings

April 7—SVPC Business Meeting

April 7—Safety Committee Mtg.

April 11—District Board Meeting

April 17—Easter

May 2—District Budget Meeting

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### \*Congratulations Corner\*

- Congratulations to Marcus Andrews for his National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification!
- Congratulations to our Recruits for completing their FF I practical testing... ALL PASSED!
- **Congratulations to AC Jay Alley for his promotion to Fire Chief effective November 1, 2022!**
- **Congratulations to FF/Facility Manager, Doug Kintz for his promotion to Assistant Chief effective November 1, 2022!**



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